



SEA GRANT PROGRAM SITE VISITS

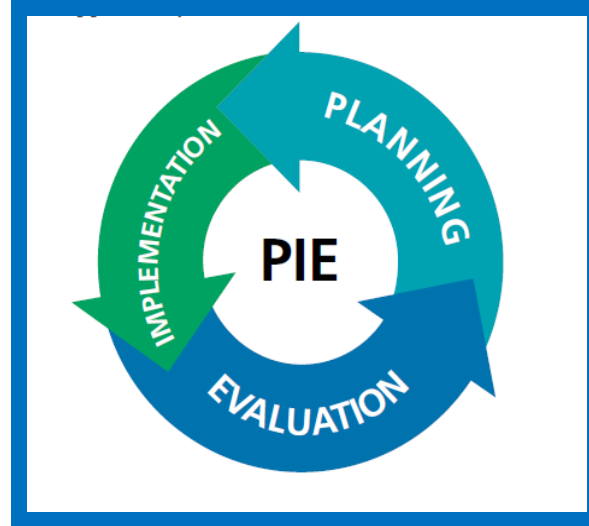
National Sea Grant Advisory Board Meeting

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OVERVIEW

- Sea Grant Evaluation Process
- Why Site Visits?
- How Sea Grant Site Visits are conducted
- Results from last Site Visit cycle
- What to expect this Site Visit cycle
- Site Visit Timeline



SEA GRANT EVALUATION PROCESS

- Yearly – serves as continuous evaluation
 - Self-Evaluation/Annual Reports
 - NSGO Annual Program Update Review
- Every 4 Years
 - Performance Review Panel
 - Evaluates what Sea Grant Programs have produced/accomplished (relative to their strategic plan) and represents a look from an external perspective
 - Purpose: rewards best performing Sea Grant Programs
 - Site Visits
 - Focuses on how a program functions internally by reviewing Program Management, Stakeholder Engagement, and Network Collaboration
 - Purpose: Program improvement

WHY SITE VISITS?

- Opportunity to meet with Sea Grant Management, Advisory Board, Stakeholders and University Officials
- Site Visit Teams provide program with findings, recommendations and suggestions (through exit interview and report)
- Site Visit Teams highlight Best Management Practices
- Only in-person, on-the-ground review of the Program
- A way to call attention to the Sea Grant Program within the University System



HOW SEA GRANT SITE VISITS ARE CONDUCTED

- Chaired by Federal Program Officer, and co-chaired by a Sea Grant Advisory Board Member
 - Other members include: Sea Grant Director and two additional external members
 - Site Visit Teams do not rate the program (not a competitive process); provide program with findings, recommendations and suggestions
- Site Review Team (SRT) spends no more than 1.5 days with the program, with .5 days writing a report
- Site Visit Report – goes to Program and NSGO
- Before SRT leaves, conduct an exit interview with the Sea Grant Program Director and appropriate University Officials



RESULTS FROM LAST SITE VISIT CYCLE

- Sea Grant Programs have implemented 90 percent of all of the recommendations that were mentioned in the reports.
- The National Sea Grant Office (NSGO) reviewed all site visit reports and found all Sea Grant Programs “Successful”.
- A few quotations from the site visit reports – highlighting Sea Grant’s impact:
 - *The experienced leadership ...with the strong support of the Provost and President has created an energetic and innovative Sea Grant Program that is deeply embedded in coastal management issues throughout the state.*
 - *The leadership of the Program is strong and proactive, with duties appropriately shared among the leadership team. The Director's position within the University allows some enviable opportunities for leveraging administrative costs. The Advisory Council is well engaged and effectively used.*
 - *The program has the ability to partner and leverage funds that are consistently greater than the sum of the core federal allocation and mandatory state match.*



WHAT TO EXPECT THIS SITE VISIT CYCLE

- Site Visits will serve same function and will be conducted in the same fashion
- Updates from Lessons Learned are currently being adopted to improve Guidance to the Program and to the Reviewers
- Webinars prior to Site Visits will be hosted by the NSGO for Advisory Board Members, External Reviewers and Sea Grant Programs
- SRTs are responsible for developing a report; the NSGCP Director, based on the report, will give the program a “successful” or “unsuccessful” rating based on the Report and the NSGO’s recommendation

SITE VISIT TIMELINE

- **March 2014:** Site Visit Guidance Finalized
- **April 2014:** Site Visits are scheduled
- **May and June 2014:**
 - Co-Chairs are selected
 - SRT Webinars are conducted by the NSGO for Programs, Advisory Board Members and Reviewers
- **July 2014 - Sept 2015:** Site Visits are conducted



THANK YOU
QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION?

